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# OVERVIEW

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**The City of Sugar Land's** rich history dates to the 1820s. What began as Mexican land grants to new settlers, evolved into a sugar cane plantation and then a company town owned by Imperial Sugar Company. Early in the 1950s, Imperial Sugar recognized that its vast holdings did not represent the most effective use of this land, and it began to sell its property. Sugar Land has evolved into a premier master-planned community, where a business park, retail centers and office buildings complement residential areas. The City is located 20 miles southwest from downtown Houston, boasts a population of more than 65,000 and is number one in population growth among the top 45 Texas cities. Sugar Land operates as a council/manager form of government, one that takes a proactive approach in providing the highest quality of affordable services to meet the needs of its citizens. Visit [www.sugarlandtx.gov](http://www.sugarlandtx.gov) for more information about Sugar Land.

2003





Allen Bogard  
*City Manager*

### **COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT**

Sugar Land operates under the Council-Manager form of government. Under this system, Council appoints the city manager, who acts as the chief executive officer of the government. The only other position appointed by Council is the municipal court judge. The city manager carries out policy and administers city programs. All department heads – including the city secretary, city attorney, police chief and fire chief — are ultimately responsible to the city manager. Sugar Land's city manager is Allen Bogard.

### **ROLE OF CITY COUNCIL**

- Appoint city manager
- Establish city policy
- Legislative body
- Approve budget

### **ROLE OF CITY MANAGER**

- Manage day-to-day affairs
- Enforce laws and ordinances
- Prepare budget
- Make recommendations to the Council on general welfare of the city

Police or Fire Emergency	911	Economic Development	281-275-2829
Emergency Medical Services	911 or 281-494-3344	Emergency Information (recorded message)	281-494-HELP 281-494-4357
Police Department (non-emergency)	281-275-2500	Engineering	281-275-2780
Fire Department (non-emergency)	281-491-0852	Health Services	281-275-2370
Traffic Signal Reporting (emergency)	281-275-2525	Human Resources	281-275-2735
Airport (Sugar Land Regional)	281-275-2400	Job Hotline	281-275-2796
Animal Control	281-275-2596	Municipal Court	281-275-2560
Assistant City Manager – Community Service	281-275-2342	Parks and Recreation	281-275-2885
Assistant City Manager – Public Safety	281-275-2344	Permits and Inspections	281-275-2370
Capital Improvement Program	281-275-2450	Planning & Zoning	281-275-2818
City Hall (main)	281-275-2700	Property Tax	281-275-2750
City Council	281-275-2707	Public Works	281-275-2450
City Manager	281-275-2710	Traffic Operations (non-emergency)	281-275-2450
City Secretary	281-275-2730	Trash Pick-up and Recycling	281-275-2450
City Attorney	281-275-2715	U.S. 59 Hotline	281-276-9959
Code Enforcement	281-275-2370	Water Billing	281-275-2750
Community Action Center (Ask Sugar Land)	281-ASK-CITY 281-275-2489	Water, Wastewater Emergency	281-275-2450
Community Center Reservations	281-275-2888		



**WHERE TO STAY****Drury Inn & Suites**

13770 Southwest Freeway  
281/277-9700

**Shoney's Inn & Suites**

14444 Southwest Freeway  
281/565-6655

**The Hearthside**

13420 Southwest Freeway  
281/494-6699

**Sugar Land Marriott  
Hotel & Conference Center  
at Town Square**

(Coming in fall 2003)

**CAR RENTAL****Avis Rent-a-Car**

(at Sugar Land Regional Airport)  
12888 State Highway 6  
281/565-3434

**Enterprise Rent-a-Car**

1414 State Highway 6  
281/313-3700

**WHERE TO SHOP**

Sugar Land is a shopper's paradise, offering dozens of stores, boutiques and services. They include:

**Colony Square**

U.S. 59 & First Colony Boulevard

**Creekside**

U.S. 59 and State Highway 6, across from  
First Colony Mall

**First Colony Commons**

U.S. 59 & Williams Trace Boulevard

**First Colony Mall**

U.S. 59 and State Highway 6

**Highlands Square**

State Highway 6 & Williams Trace  
Boulevard

**The Market at Town Center**

State Highway 6 and Town Center  
Boulevard, adjacent to First Colony Mall

**The Park at Sugar Creek**

U.S. 59 and Sugar Creek Boulevard

**Sugar Creek Center**

U.S. 59 & Sugar Creek Boulevard

**Sweetwater Plaza**

Sweetwater & Lexington Boulevards

**Town Center at Lakeside**

U.S. 59 and State Highway 6

**Williams Trace Shopping Center**

State Highway 6 and Williams  
Trace Boulevard

**WHERE TO EAT**

Sugar Land has more than 52 fine dining restaurants with an international flair! Restaurant styles include French, Vietnamese, Italian, Thai, Indian, Mexican and Chinese.

**LIBRARIES****Sugar Land Branch**

550 Eldridge  
281/277-8934

**First Colony Branch**

2121 Austin Parkway  
281/265-4444

*Check out [www.shopsugarland.com](http://www.shopsugarland.com) for a comprehensive listing of the retail environment in Sugar Land.*







## EDUCATION

The City of Sugar Land is home to 16 of the 55 schools in the Fort Bend Independent School District: two high schools, four middle schools and 10 elementary schools. The Texas Education Agency has rated 12 of the 16 schools "Exemplary." Students in Fort Bend ISD enjoy an overall student/teacher ratio of 16.2:1, and the school district's graduation rate is 87.9 percent.

In the area, there are also three higher education institutions — University of Houston at Sugar Land, Wharton County Junior College and Houston Community College–Southwest.

Other educational opportunities are available near Sugar Land, including the University of Houston, Rice University, Houston Baptist University, University of St. Thomas, San Jacinto College, Texas Southern University and University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center.

### **HEALTH CARE**

Located within the City are Methodist Sugar Land Hospital, Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Health Care Center (outpatient) Sugar Land Medical Center (outpatient surgical and diagnostic) and Triumph Hospital Southwest. In addition, there are numerous satellite offices affiliated with Houston's world-renowned Texas Medical Center. The City's close proximity to the Medical Center provides residents access to an abundance of even more top-rated healthcare facilities.

### **TAX RATES**

Sugar Land, located within Fort Bend County, has one of the lowest combined tax rates in the area. Sugar Land has decreased the property tax rate by 17.114 cents since 1992 to its current 32.886 cents per \$100 assessed value. The Fort Bend County ad valorem tax rate is 53.874 cents per \$100 assessed value. The Fort Bend ISD ad valorem tax rate is \$1.6825 per \$100 assessed value.

**CITY STATISTICS**

Date of Incorporation:	1959
Form of Government:	Council/City Manager
Population:	65,585
Land Area in City Limits:	25.81 square miles
Extraterritorial Jurisdiction:	28.997 square miles
City Employees (full time):	Approximately 470
Property Tax Base:	\$5.4 billion
Professional Firefighters:	97
Sworn Police Officers:	109
2002-03 FY Annual Budget:	\$109.3 million
Property Tax Rate	
1992 Tax Year	50 cents
2002 Tax Year	32.886 cents



#### **LARGEST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS**

##### **Aetna US Healthcare**

Group Employee Benefits

##### **Baker Petrolite, Inc.**

Chemical Manufacturer

##### **ECO Resources**

Utility Management

##### **Fluor Corporation**

Engineering, Construction & Technical Services

##### **ONDEO Nalco**

Chemical Production

##### **Schlumberger Companies**

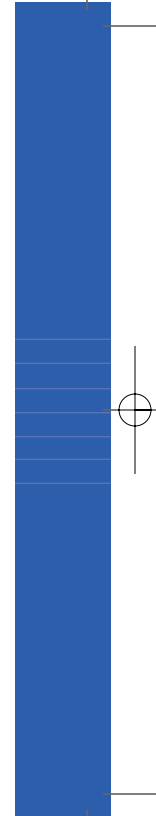
Energy Exploration Technology/Research

##### **Suntron Corporation**

Electronics

##### **Unocal Corporation**

Oil/Gas Exploration and Production



## AIRPORT

The Sugar Land Regional Airport is the fourth largest facility in the greater Houston metropolitan area, accommodating the largest corporate-type jets. As the only general aviation reliever airport in the southwest sector, the airport's facilities handle more than 350 operations daily. The facility has:

- a state-of-the-art air traffic control tower and an FAA-funded DBRITE radar surveillance system;
- an 8,000-foot concrete runway equipped with navigational aides, such as Instrument Landing System, Localizer, Non-Directional Beacon, Runway End Identifier Lights and Precision Approach Path Indicator lights;
- corporate lease sites available;
- a conference room available by reservation;
- a five-year business plan to accelerate development of the 426-acre airfield by aggressive expansion of its corporate aviation business;
- a new general aviation complex in the engineering phase — one of the largest projects every undertaken by TxDOT Aviation Division for Sugar Land's t-hangers and aviation-related businesses; and
- a newly based Memorial Hermann Hospital Life Flight helicopter.







## **RECREATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES**

Sugar Land residents enjoy more than 40 community and 18 city-owned parks, which encompass more than 730 acres of land. The City also maintains 20 soccer fields, 16 baseball fields, nine softball fields, one swimming pool, five tennis courts, two basketball courts, 15 playgrounds, nine volleyball courts and several large picnic pavilions. The Parks and Recreation Department hosts a Fourth of July celebration that includes a parade, musical performance, games and a fireworks display; EGGS-travaganza in the Park; Concerts in the Park; Day Camp; Halloween Fun Night at the Sugar Land Community Center; Senior Citizens' Christmas Program; and Share Your Christmas Food Drive.

### **AREA POINTS OF INTEREST**

**Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex**

**Brazos Bend State Park**

**Fort Bend County Museum**

**George Observatory**

**George Ranch Historical Park**

**Museum of Southern History**

### **CITY PARKS**

**Eldridge Park**

**Imperial Park**

**Lost Creek Park**

**Oyster Creek Park**

### **REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS**

**Galveston Beaches**

**Houston Museum District**

**Houston Theater District**

**Houston Zoo**

**Johnson Space Center**

**Six Flags Astroworld**

### **COUNTRY CLUBS/PUBLIC GOLF COURSES**

**Greatwood Golf Course**

6767 Greatwood Parkway  
281/343-9999

**Riverbend Country Club**

1214 Dulles Avenue  
281/491-2500

**Sugar Creek Country Club**

420 Sugar Creek Boulevard  
281/494-9131

**Sweetwater Country Club**

4400 Palm Royale Boulevard  
281/980-4100

## **POLICE**

The Sugar Land Police Department is 140 strong with 109 sworn officers and 32 civilian support staff. The department works hand in hand with the community in the following programs and services:

- Neighborhood Crime Watch
- Home and Business Security Surveys
- Operation H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft)
- House Watch
- Bicycle Registration Program
- 55 Alive/Mature Driving
- Child Safety Seat Program
- Children's Identification and Fingerprinting Program
- Youth Services (an educational program taught in the classroom to help prevent drug abuse and reduce violence among young adults and children)
- Adopt-A-Pet
- Crime Victim's Assistance









## **FIRE**

The Sugar Land Fire Department provides emergency response to fires, car accidents, hazardous material spills and rescues. The department currently operates five stations with 87 full-time employees. An additional station is scheduled to open in mid 2003. Five engines and an emergency squad respond to emergencies 24 hours per day. The department also offers a host of fire prevention and public safety education programs in the community. These public safety programs include:

- Fire Extinguisher Training
- Senior Citizen Fire Safety
- Child Safety Seat Program
- Using a 9-1-1 Network
- Exit Drills in the Home
- Child Immunizations
- Public Access to Automatic External Defibrillation

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

The Sugar Land Public Works Department maintains the infrastructure of Sugar Land. Public Works maintains and operates the City's public streets; traffic control devices; sidewalks and bridges; drainage system; water and wastewater utilities; capital improvement projects; solid waste and recycling; and city vehicles, equipment and buildings. Public Works is also responsible for:

- trash pickup or recycling;
- inoperable street lights;
- water leaks, sewer stoppages, water quality and hydrants; and
- mosquito spraying schedules.

Public Works personnel are available 24-7 to respond to emergencies, such as severe traffic hazards, major water leaks or sewer stoppages.



### Our Goals:

- A well planned community
- Safest city in the area
- Strong local economy
- Responsible city government
- Mobility for people



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